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STATUE'S SALE WILL HELP FUND MUSEUM EXPANSION

AGREEMENT REACHED FOR SHARE OF MONEY FROM SEKHEMKA

THE sale of an Egyptian statue is expected to raise up to £6 million to facilitate a major extension to Northampton Museum & Art Gallery.

The controversial sale of the Sekhemka statue, which has been opposed by a campaign group in the town including graphic novelist Alan Moore, will take place at Christie's in London in July.

The council said the sale of the statue could raise between £4 and £6 million.

The rest of the £14 million refurbishment, which will see the museum's exhibition space double in size, will be funded by grants.

Expected to begin in 2016, building work will include an imposing new entrance gallery created to the museum in Guildhall Road, along with new galleries, an education suite and a retail area.

These new resources aim to improve and expand the



Sekhemka

museum's display of Northampton history, with particular focus on the town's historic footwear industry, as well as its art collections.

The announcement, made on Monday, came after agreement was reached between Northampton Borough Council and Lord Northampton, historical owner of the statue, to share the proceeds of

the sale of Sekhemka.

Leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh, said: "This shows we are committed to our culture and heritage, and the central part they will play in our future prosperity, and I am proud to be able to announce such a significant expansion to our museums in Northampton."

Work is now under way to finalise the designs and funding of the project to go forward alongside Northamptonshire County Council's development of Project Angel, which will see council staff transferred to other offices to make way for the extension.

The council has also announced a major refurbishment of Abington Park Museum, which will focus on the building's connection with William Shakespeare as well as creating additional facilities to accommodate conferences and weddings.



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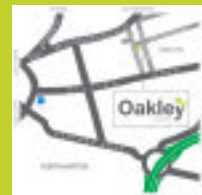
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Alarm anger Gwen Greenaway, left, is pictured with her 87-year-old mother, Annie Stanley, who suffered an ordeal when she was locked in a Northampton General Hospital toilet for more than an hour

‘I thought I would never get out of it’

Family anger as mum locked in and left in hospital toilet

A faulty emergency cord in a Northampton General Hospital toilet left a great grandmother shocked and distressed when she was locked in there for more than an hour.

Former home helper Annie Stanley was admitted to hospital after fracturing her pelvis in a fall at her Hardingstone home earlier this month.

The 87-year-old widow was kept on the Hawthorn Ward during her stay and said she was largely happy with her care and the nursing staff.

But on Wednesday, April 16, a health assistant took her to a toilet and locked the great-grandmother of 23 in. However, when Mrs Stanley called to say she was ready to come out, no-one answered.

She tried to pull on an emergency cord but it was broken.

In the end Mrs Stanley, in immense pain, had to crawl to the toilet door.

She said: “I was just waiting and waiting, pulling on the cord. I thought ‘this can’t be working’. I got to the door and managed to unlock it, don’t

ask me how I did it. Then I shouted down the corridor, but no-one could hear me.

“I thought I would never get out. I thought nobody was coming for me.”

Mrs Stanley’s family are furious their mother could have

been left for so long and want to know why the member of staff concerned did not check on their mother.

They are also demanding the hospital now checks its emergency cords on a daily basis as opposed to its current monthly inspections to avoid a repeat of Mrs Stanley’s ordeal.

Daughter Julia Stanley, 67, said the consequences of her mother being locked in a room for an hour and 20 minutes could have been much worse as her mother is claustrophobic and has a weak heart.

Now Annie Stanley is back at her home, where her recovery from the fractured pelvis is likely to take several months. The 87-year-old is having to take a cocktail of strong painkillers and is still shaken from her ordeal.

Julia Stanley said: “She lives alone, but this has really knocked her confidence.”

Family wants answers

Staff only began to search for Mrs Stanley when her daughter Julia began to worry where she was. At first it was believed the 87-year-old was in the physiotherapy ward. Mrs Stanley’s family said they believed the problem was caused because health assistants on the Hawthorn Ward were moved elsewhere in the hospital at about 2pm while their mother was still in the toilet.

Northampton General Hospital said it is now investigating how this could have happened. A spokesman said: “We are very sorry to hear this report about Mrs Stanley’s care and apologise for the distress this must have caused her. “We will be carrying out a full investigation into the incident to ensure something like this does not happen again.”

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The daughter of a man who went missing 35 years ago is appealing to Northampton people for information, after a fresh lead revealed he could have links to the town.

Adele Greenacre was only 11 weeks old when her father, Derek, a manager of a leisure centre, drove his car to a station near their home in Nottinghamshire before boarding a train to London.

Neither Adele, or her mother, Wendy, have seen him since then.

Years of fruitless searching followed, with the family even scouring the pubs of London in search of Derek, who would now be 68.

They had all but given up hope until Adele, now a mother of three, living Cropwell Bishop, Nottinghamshire, set up a Facebook page appealing for information on her missing father.

Within days she was contacted by an anonymous worker for a homeless charity who said he had picked up a Derek Greenacre sleeping rough at St Pancras Station in 2011.

Further investigation revealed the man had the same date of birth as Adele's father and had suffered a breakdown 35 years before.

Crucially, the family found the homeless charity had sent Derek "back to Northampton".

Adele, 36, believes that means her father would have been known to people in the town who could help her trace him.

She said: "I'm appealing to anybody who knew him or encountered him, a friend or neighbour. Even if someone worked with him for a few years they might have a clue."

Adele said her father was 6ft 4 inches, 'sporty', with brown hair and a thick London accent. Despite being too young to remember him, her desire to meet her father is as strong as ever.

She said: "I just want to meet him now. I'm not asking for a lot, even if it is just for five minutes. I just want to let him know that I love him."

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missing father'



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clamping down Police are targeting people who sell legal highs and wants them to be known as 'dangerous highs'

Legal highs 'untested and dangerous drugs'

A Northamptonshire Police inspector has said he thinks 'legal highs' should be re-named 'dangerous highs' to reflect the severe psychological health effects they can cause.

Inspector Vaughan Clarke, who has been in charge of a recent crackdown on legal highs, said the force was taking a unique approach to reducing the sale and consumption of products that can have similar effects to cocaine and ecstasy.

Mr Clarke said the recent charging of a Northampton shop owner and an employee for selling legal highs to children demonstrated that police were taking action to prevent the use of such substances.

The pair have been charged under the Intoxicating Substances Supply Act 1985 that makes it an offence to supply someone under 18 a substance if the seller "knows or has reasonable cause to believe the substance or its fumes are likely to be inhaled for the purpose

of causing intoxication".

Mr Clarke said: "The law is not very supportive on the issue of legal highs as they are not controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act

"The substances can have similar effects to cocaine but they are classified as 'legal' due to the change of one or two molecules. I have a major issue with the term legal high as they are completely untested products and are not okay. I think they would be better known as "dangerous highs" as they are completely untested and

can have a long-term effect on people. We are taking action against the people involved in selling these drugs as we want to reduce the negative consequences of people taking these substances."

Mr Clarke said he would advise people to avoid the products as they are sold in quantities way above the average human tolerance levels.

He said: "They are completely uncontrolled drugs with chemical levels thousands of times higher than human tolerance levels.

14-year-old 'suffered psychotic episodes'

■ Northamptonshire Police Inspector Vaughan Clarke said the most serious health effects suffered by someone in Northampton who took a legal high was a case of a 14-year-old boy who was in hospital for three months suffering from psy-

chotic episodes. ■ Former consultant A&E nurse at Northampton General Hospital, Piers Massey, said he had noticed a "marked increase" in the number of people going into hospital after taking these substances.

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Ice cream sellers to return to park

The jingle of ice cream vans is set to return to Becket's Park as the borough council prepares to remove trading restrictions at the leisure spot.

Councillors sitting on next week's licensing committee are expected to approve a recommendation to allow a 'trading consent site' at the junction of Nunn Mills Road and Bedford Road.

Currently double yellow lines there prevent traders from selling their wares.

But if the committee approves the scheme, on-street food sellers, including ice cream vans, will be able to apply for a pitch from August.

Aldo Gallone, owner of family-run ice cream firm, Gallone's, runs 25 vans across Northampton and believes the move will attract more people to the park.

"Becket's Park is a really nice place, there's no ifs or buts about it, but it's one of



Sweet consent Aldo Gallone, inset, is backing plans to allow ice cream vans to trade for the first time in a number of years next to Becket's Park.

those hardly-used gems in Northampton. I guess this is just the next step in improving the facilities there."

In 2011, work was completed on improving the paths and lighting along the promenade in Becket's Park, which runs alongside the River Nene.

An 80-berth marina

was finished there the same year.

But Mr Gallone, who is set to celebrate his firm's 80th year in Northampton in 2015, believes trading consent will play a big part in making the picturesque spot as popular as Abington Park in the summer.

He said: "It's in town, it's got good parking facilities so people can hop down there for half-an-hour or so.

"The kids can have a go on the swings and if they're good they can get an ice cream, it just adds that extra little bit to the park."

Deputy chairman of the borough council licensing committee Councillor Michael Hill (*Con, Nene Valley*) is also for the scheme.

He said: "I think this is an area where an ice cream van would be really useful.

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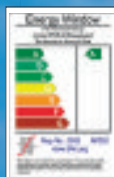
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A woman raised more than £4,500 for a Northampton hospice by transforming her partner's 50th birthday party into a fund-raising event, just days after he died.

Mark Sullivan and his partner, Elaine Osborne, from Brixworth, spent a year planning Mark's milestone party on April 5.

But on March 25, he passed away at Cynthia Spencer Hospice after a tumour spread from his kidneys to his heart and lungs and he developed pneumonia.

But Elaine, aged 47, and her daughters, April, Lauren, and Holly, and Mark's daughters, Lauren and Rhianna, went ahead with the party to support Cynthia Spencer and Macmillan.

More than 150 friends and family from around the UK attended the event at The Plough Hotel in Northampton, with a performance from the band, Skabucks.

The girls designed wristbands to sell and held a raffle which generated £900, a sum which was doubled by Barclaycard.



Mark Sullivan, pictured with his partner Elaine Osborne, died a few days before his 50th birthday. His family continued with the party and raised more than £4,500 for Cynthia Spencer Hospice and Macmillan

Ms Osborne said: "I lived at Cynthia Spencer with Mark for 12 days and they were so helpful, even letting our cat, Theodore, visit for cuddles.

"I wanted to go ahead with the party for Mark so badly it brought me strength to stay smiling.

"As donations keep coming, we hope to make it a year-long event.

"Mark brought laughter and joy to my life and always stayed positive," she added.

Important to catch cancer early

■ Mark Sullivan died only months after he was diagnosed with Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma (MRCC), a spreading of kidney cancer. Mr Sullivan, known as "The Sul Man" was admitted to hospital after nearly a month of tests revealed that his cancer had spread to his heart and lungs.

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Campaign launched to pay for £3k repair

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to raise £3,000 for repairs to St Margaret's Church in Denton.

Wet rot, dry rot and woodworm were discovered in the wood block flooring and in the 1m high wood panelling in the chancel.

The congregation of 20 has cleared the affected timbers and now needs to employ contractors to repair the wall with lime plaster and the floor with limestone flags.

Their first fund-raising event will be a spring sale this Saturday from 11am to 3pm in the church, where 'new and recently loved items' will be on sale and a home-made soup and bread lunch available.

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Anti-hate unit to be disbanded

Northamptonshire Police is looking at disbanding its hate crime unit, the force has confirmed.

The review has been prompted by a report from the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner's office, which recommended the best way of handling homophobic, racist and anti-disabled crimes in Northamptonshire - of which there were 443 last year - was to give advanced training to 1,500 officers.

But leaders of Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council said they had concerns as to whether the potential move would increase the number of solved crimes. Anjona Roy, chief executive of NREC, said: "The specialist unit is all about coming at often endemic issues over a long period of time and across several agencies."

"Training lots of officers



STRUCTURE CHANGES Assistant chief constable Russ Foster and chief executive of Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council, Anjona Roy



will certainly increase awareness, and I'm sure reports of race hate incidents will rise.

"But we're concerned it will not have a positive effect on actually resolving hate crimes."

Although the unit has only six officers, the force maintains disbanding it would provide useful savings as it seeks to save £23 million over five years.

Pledging any decision would be regularly reviewed, Assistant Chief Constable Russ Foster said: "[The extra training] means we now have more people trained and able to respond to hate crimes. Given we now have a greater capability to deal with such crimes, it seems logical that we review whether there is a need for a small unit solely dedicated to these sorts of incidents."

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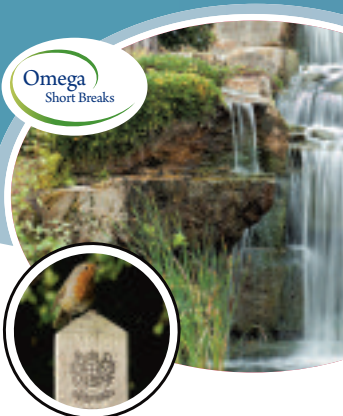
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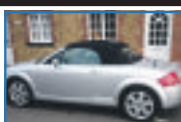
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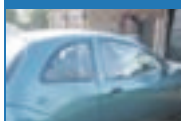


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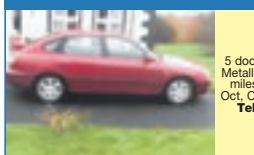
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SPORT

Wilder urges Town to finish job

Cobblers boss calls for focus ahead of crunch game

FOOTBALL

Chris Wilder was delighted to see his Cobblers side take a huge step towards Football League safety at Dagenham but said there would be 'no pats on the back' for his players.

Town won 3-0 at Victoria Road with 18-year-old striker Ivan Toney scoring twice and midfielder Ian Morris striking a superb volley from 25 yards.

Northampton are now three points clear of the Sky Bet League Two relegation zone and need just a draw against Oxford United at Sixfields in the final game of the season this weekend to ensure their safety.

A defeat would even be enough to keep Wilder's side in the League if Wycombe, who dropped into the bottom two for the first time this season following a home loss to Bristol Rovers, fail to win at Torquay United.

And, as good as the win at Dagenham was, the manager immediately put the focus on completing the great escape next weekend.

"We couldn't have asked for any more, it was a quality start and we scored three great goals," he said. "We wanted to make sure we controlled our result and we did that."

"It's important that we see the job off. We're confident, against whoever we play, that we can get a victory. We deserved something against Portsmouth but we had to go again.

"Nothing can stop us now. We will have an intense week of training, there will be no patting each other on the back and we'll have a drink on Saturday if we seal the deal."

Toney was the star performer at Victoria Road, scoring a header after six minutes and notching with an excellent overhead kick for the result-clinching third minutes before half-time.

He impressed with his quickness and strength but, maintaining his general theme, Wilder was keen to stress to the 18-year-old that he must continue that level of performance in the final match of the campaign.

"He gave us a spark last week and he deserved to play, regardless of his age," he said. "We went with him and John up the top end of the pitch and that was quite a big call for us because they are two young boys."

"They set us off on the front foot. Ivan will get all the headlines and he will deserve to because his performance and his goals were exceptional.

"I dragged him into the changing room afterwards because the job is not done. I'm not trying to be negative, we did the job at Dagenham and we need to do it again."

Goalscorer Morris believes the fact the Cobblers wrap up their season against Wilder's former club will give them an advantage in the game.

"He's going to know every one of their strengths and weaknesses and hopefully we can run over the top of them like we did Dagenham," he said.



IVAN THE GREAT Ivan Toney is all smiles after scoring the Cobblers' first at Dagenham

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